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A Journal of Duplicitous Doings, Raw Power, and Naked Greed "Oh, what a tangled web we weave When first we practice to deceive!" --Sir Walter Scott--



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THREE GAMESTARTS!

Our latest incarnations of 1870, MERCHANT OF VENUS, and SILVERTON are up and running this issue. RAIL BARON is stalled awaiting either a fourth player or an e-mail accessible dice roll service so I can be the fourth.

IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

"Boris XVIII": Standby orders for Germany and Italy needed. To be considered for Italy, you must also send orders for Germany and take your chances which you get if there are several applicants. RAIL BARON: Need 1 to 3 more and/or a dice-rolling service.

WIZARD'S QUEST: Need 1 to 3 more.

The price of postage and copying have both gone up since the April issue, so for the dozen of you that still get hard copies, the sub fee just went up too. Let's see, 41¢ for the stamp, 65¢ for the copying makes \$1.06 per issue or \$12.72/yr, call it \$12.75.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it and ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is." -- Winston Churchill

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: "Kurzon Dax" has been posted. "Ra", *JUNTA*, and "Friederich" have been transferred to the Finished folder. I have received the SOURCE OF THE NILE transcript, but it's a monster and it may take awhile to get it presentable to post. Minor fixes to "Agamemnon" and "Bacardi" have been made.

Remember that the World Boardgaming Championships will be held in Lancaster, PA on 31 Jul-5 Aug 07 (Reference 1). Expect to see Boris and Ms Nar there.

Going to Origins in Columbus, OH (5-8 Jul 07, Reference 2)? Swing by the BRITANNIA tourney and watch Dave Anderson get pulped again.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: Was going to post a picture from the Sacramento Railroad Museum, but we never got there (again). Instead, we have another take on last month's 4th reason.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award and free issue go this month to Laird Khaoz for his "Kolchas" press.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Rick Copeland for a double NMR.

REFERENCE:

- 1. http://www.boardgamers.org
- 2. http://www.originsgames.com

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 6 Jul 07



RIOTS IN ITALY!! Germany in Civil Disorder Fall 1910

CLIFFHOME: Sultan Ali Jack, perhaps distracted by the coming nu ptials of the Crown Prince to the Princess of Sheba, has missed a golden opportunity to end the struggle. With the Italian forces frozen in place, no doubt due to Turkish skullduggery, entrance to ION and capture of TRI and MUN would've been straight-forward, leaving but one center left for victory. Fortune smiled on the exiled Kaiser again as even a modicum of cooperation between England and Russia would have cost DEN as well nor could Italian capture of BEL have been readily stopped.

TROOP MOVEMENT

ENGLAND (Anderson): F Nth-Ska, F Lon-Nth, F Cly-Nwg.

GERMANY (Haffey): NMR! A Hol H(u, r-???), A Bur H(u), A Par H(u), F Den H(u); ITALY (Copeland): NMR! F Eng H(u), F Spa(sc) H(u), F Bre H(u), A Tri H(u), A Pic H(u), F Ion H(u), F

Mar H(u), A Mun H(u), A Trl H(u), F Nap H(u);

RUSSIA (R. Fisher): A Nwy S A StP, [F Swe S ENG F Nth-Denlinso], A StP H:

TURKEY (Shacklett): A Kie-Hol, A Ruh S A Kie-Hol, F Gre S F Aeg, A Ber-Kie, F Aeg S F Gre, [A Mos-StP], A Boh-Sil, A Lvn S A Mos-StP, F Bla C A Con-Rum, A Vie S A Bud, A Bud S A Vie, A

Ukr-War, A Bul-Ser, A Con-Rum.

Orders in brackets fail; amb = ambiguous, NBR = no build received, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, otb = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = retreats somewhere.

SUPPLY CENTERS:

ENG: Edi Lon Lpl

GER: Den -Hol Bel Par

Nap Rom Ven Tun Por Spa Tri Mar Mun Bre ITA:

RUS: StP Nwy Swe

Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Rum Gre Bud Ser Vie Mos Ber Kie War +Hol

(3) Even

(3) Tear 1*

(10) Even (3) Even

(15) Build 1

* If A HOL r-otb, then EVEN.

Due next are orders for retreats, builds/tears and Spring 1911 and Press. Ms Nar loves Press. See website for transcript and curent map.

EMBASSY BEAT

No Press received. Shame, shame!



"Yes, we're fond of our wine."

Husband/Private Eye/London



Turn 3b A/G Go for Win



The Board:

ATREIDES (Anderson): 7T @ Arrakeen, 5T @ South Mesa; 7R, 16S, KH(0/7), 5L, 2C BENE GESSERIT (Martin): 2T @ Carthag, Tuek's Sietch; 1T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, S Mesa; 1S,

EMPEROR (Fisher): 8R, 3*R, 14S, 4L, 2C

FREMEN (Barrett): 3T @ Sietch Tabr, 7T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 3T @ Great Flat; 4L, 9S, 1C

GUILD (K Wilson): 10T @ Tuek's Sietch, 5T @ Pasty Mesa(s8); 5R, 20S, 5L, 3C

HARKONNEN (Nichols): 10T Carthag, 7R, 0S, 5L, 4C

Storm: @ Sector 3

Spice Blows: The Great Flat (4), Red Chasm(8), Hagga Basin(6)

Tanks: A: 1T. E: Caid, 2*, 7T. H: 3T, F: Mapes, 3*, 4T.

3.3 Bidding: B & H get 2S charity. There are 5 cards available. Card 1: F bids 2S. H bids 1S. F gets Card 2: E bids 4S. H bids 1S. E gets ; 2S to E. ; 4S to bank. Card 3: A bids 4S; F bids 2S. H bids 1S. A gets ; 4S to E. Card 4: E&G bid 4S. F bids 2S. A & H bid 1S. G gets Card 5: A&F bid 2S. H bids 1S. A gets ______ : 2S : 4S to E. 2S to E.

3.4 Revival & Movement: B coexists. G elects to go last.

Revival: A revives 1T free. E revives 1* free. F revives 2T,1* free. H revives 2T for free.

Shipping: A ships 5T South Mesa-Carthag (5S to G). F places 2T, 1* in Hagga Basin(s13). G ships

5T from Tuek's Sietch to Sietch Tabr (-3S).

Movement: A moves 4T Arrakeen-Carthag; F moves 1T Great Flat-Hagga Basin. H moves 1T Carthag-Hagga Basin(s13). G moves 5T Pasty Mesa-Red Chasm.

3.5 Combat:

Hagga Bastn: F 3T,1* @ vs H 1T.

Carthag: H9T@vsA9T

Tuek's Stetch: F 3T @ vs G 5T.

The Board:

ATREIDES (Anderson): 3T @ Arrakeen, 9T @ Carthag; 8R, 5S, KH(0/7), 5L, 4C BENE GESSERIT (Martin): 2T @ Carthag, Tuek's Sietch; 1T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, S Mesa; 1S,

EMPEROR (Fisher): 8R, 4*R, 22S, 4L, 3C

FREMEN (Barrett): 3T @ Sietch Tabr, 7T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 3T @ Great Flat, 2T.1* @ Hagga

Basin(s13); 4L, 2T, 1*, 7S, 2C

GUILD (K Wilson): 5T @ Tuek's Sietch, 5T @ Red Chasm, 5T @ Sietch Tabr; 5R, 18S, 5L, 4C HARKONNEN (Nichols): 9T Carthag, 1T @ Hagga Basin(s13), 9R, 0S, 5L, 4C

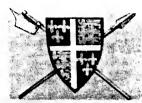
Storm: @ Sector 3

Spice Blows: The Great Flat (4), Red Chasm(8), Hagga Basin(6)

Tanks: E: Caid, 1*, 7T. H: 1T, F: Mapes, 2*, 2T.

Due next time are orders for Combat, Spice Collection, Storm and Spice Blow phases.

LEGEND: * = starred token, (@) = aggressor, A = Atreides, B = Bene Gesserit, C = card, E = Emperor, F = Fremen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, KH = Kwitzach Haderach, L = leaders, S = spice, s# = sector #, T = token.



kinbmaker

"King of Pain" Barliament Called

The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dowrey): Fitzalan [30], Warden of the Northern Marches [(1)50], Flemish Crossbowmen(20), Scottish Mercs(50). Stanley (50), Earl of Richmond(40), Marshal of England(100), Le Lucas. Bouchier (10). Event cards (1), Crown Cards (5).

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole [30], Chancellor of England [50]; Scrope [10], Earl of Wiltshire [30], Chancellor of Cornwall [(1)50], Swansea [(20)], Leicester [(20)], Holland [20], Duke of York [30]. Courtenay[30], Admiral of England [50]. Lancaster [(20)]. Event cards (6), Crown Cards

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray [50], Treasurer of England [50]; Hastings [10], Bishop of Carlisle [(30)]. Cromwell [10], Earl of Kent [30], Constable of London [(2)50]. Percy [100], Lieutenant of Ireland [(2)50], Archbishop of York [(30)], Bishop of Durham [(30)], Northampton [(20)], Le Nicholas. Carisbrooke, Calais, Newcastle. Event cards (4), Crown Cards (7).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford [30], Chamberlain of Chester [(2)50], Nottingham [(20)]; Neville [50]; Audiey [10], Saxons [10]; Roos [20], Herbert [10], Talbot [30]. Event cards (5), Crown Cards (3).

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Howard [10], Duke of Exeter [20], Warden of the Cinque Ports (50), Archbishop of Canterbury, Bristol [(30)], Coventry [(20)], Le Swan; Clifford [10], Earl of Worcester [30], Captain of Calais [(3)50], Bishop of Lincoln, Le Michael, Flemish Crossbowmen (20), Burgundian Crossbowmen (30). Event cards (6), Crown Cards (1).

TURN 27 (cont):

Chancellor Pole calls a Parliament at Preston. TCC serves a Writ on Herbert.

MH: Berkeley, Earl of Essex joins MH. Bourchier named Earl of Salisbury. All attend except Bourchier.

TCC: All attend (lifting siege of Beaumaris).

KPP: Beaufort, Steward of the Royal Household and 10 Saxons join KPP and all attend.

SQ: Herbert must attend. Rest attend.

WF: Does not attend.

There are no cards in Chancery to distribute. TCC should conduct the Parliament by e-mail (cc me) and write up the minutes for next issue. When Parliament is over, Nobles have the option of teleporting to a home castle or remaining at Preston for one turn of King's Peace (but event cards, ...)

NOBLES: At Parliament @ Preston: Audley, Beaufort, Berkeley, Courtenay, Cromwell, Duke of York, Fitzalan, Hastings. Herbert, Holland, Mowbray, Neville, Percy, Pole, Roos, Scrope, Stafford, Stanley, Talbot. Bouchier @ Beaumaris; Clifford & Howard in Milford Haven.

SHIPS: Le Christopher, Le Margarete, Le Lucas @ Beaumaris, Le Michael interned @ Carisbrooke; Le Nicholas @ Chichester, Le George @ Rye, Le Swan & Le Trinity @ Milford Haven. HEIRS: Reds: King Henry at Parliament w/ Mowbray, Margaret & Edward of Wales in Beaumaris; Artie & Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan at Parliament. Whites: Richard of York at Parliament w/ Holland, George @ Rhuddlan w/ Stafford; Edmund II of March @ Milford Haven. Richard of Gloucester, Edmund of Rutland (RIP)

LEDER'S LAW OF MEETING ATTENDANCE

Never go to a meeting unless you have something to contribute from the minutes. You can efficiently find out from the minutes what went on. -- William B. Leder

Corollary: If an agenda isn't published in advance of a meeting, you don't have to go.

Corollary: If no minutes are published, it's fair to conclude that nothing went --frrom CHEMTECH, 22, #2, p 125 (1992). on.



KREMLIN PB Offers a Deal



The Cast: (in Table order) Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 3 cards Doug Kent, Whining Kremlin Pigs (WKP): 3 cards Paul Barrett, Politburo Bureaucrats (PB): 3 cards Mike Scott, The California Connection (TCC): 3 cards Cary Nichols, Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS): 3 cards Dave Anderson, Decaying, Licentious Antiquarians (DLA): 3 cards

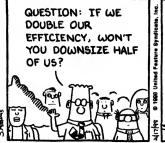
Politburo			
Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	84+	+ DLA (7), WKP(3)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	70+	
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	55+	
Defense Minister:	Schrukutov (B)	76v	7+
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Boremtudev (K)	66	
Economy Minister:	Nikotin (R)	59	
Sport Minister:	Putschnik (Y)	52	
Candidates: NOTUZ		People:	CDEFHIJLMPQSX

2.1 CURE PHASE: REDS reveal 1 IP on R & Y. PB reveals 1 IP on G. DLA reveals 2 IP on G. DLA orders Aparatschik to take the Cure but PB reveals 2 IP on A and plays #48 "Deal", offering to trade the 2 IP to the highest bidder (payable in Intrigue cards).

We halt the action to allow all to proffer bids. Due next time are any bids and your orders for the rest of the Cure phase and the Purge through Health phases. Note we've established table order.

Politburo			
Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	84++	DLA (7), WKP(3), PB(2)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	70+	DLA(2), PB(1)
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	55+	
Defense Minister:	Schrukutov (B)	76w+	
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
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Candidates: NOTUZ		People: CD	efhijlmposx





DON'T TALK TO ANYONE IN MARKETING: THEY AREN'T SO GOOD AT MATH.



BRITANNIA "Bawain" Turn IV



The Cast

Copeland: Purple Zieske: Green

Anderson: Red Martin: Blue

Store: Purple 29, Red 3, Blue 1, Green 0.

TURN IV

Romans: 2L,F @ Cheshire, Hwicce, March; 1L,F @ Avalon, Bernicia, Cumbria, Galloway, Peninnes, Wessex, York; F @ Downlands, Essex, Kent, Lindsey, N Mercia, Norfolk, S Mercia, Suffolk, Sussex.

Welsh (1.5): 2A @ Powys, Clwyd, Devon, Dyfed, Gwynedd; 1A @ Cornwall, Gwent. Brigantes (1): 2A @ Dalriada, Lothian; 1A @ Dunedin, Strathclyde.

Picts (0): 3A @ Alban; 2A @ Mar, Skye; 1A @ Moray. Caledonians (1.5): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Catthness, Hebrides.

Irich: 3R @ Atlantic. Scots: 1R@Irish. Jutes: 2R @ Channel Saxons: 3R @ Channel. Angles: 2R @ Frisian.

ROMANS: 1L Galloway-Cumbria-Cheshire, 1L Cumbria-Cheshire, 1L Pennines-York, 1L Bernicia-York, 1L@York-N Mercia-Suffolk-Norfolk, 1L Cheshire-York-N.Mercia-Suffolk, 2L March-N Mercia-Suffolk-Essex, 1L Cheshire-March-Hwicce, 1L Hwicce-Avalon-Wessex, 1L Hwicce-Avalon, 1L Avalon-Wessex-Sussex, 1L Wessex-Sussex-Kent.

WEISH (1.5): Grow 4.5 pp. Add 1A @Devon, rem 2.5. 2A Devon-Avalon (6.3:1.6; 3:2; 4:2; 6:5: -1L,1F,2A), 1A Powys-Gwent. Score 2 VP.

BRIGANTES (1): Grow 3.5. Add 1A @ Dunedin. Hold

PICTS: (0): Grow 2 pp. 2R Mar-North-Bernicia (2,1:3; 6,4:4 ñF, 2R w-Mar), 2R Skye-Irish-Cumbria

(-F. 2R w-Skye), 1A Alban-Skye. Score 6 VP.

CALEDONIANS (1.5): Grow 1.5 pp. Add 1A @ Hebrides. Hold.

IRISH: 3R Atlantic-Cornwall (6,5,4:5 -1 Irish, 1 Welsh, 2R w-Atlantic). Score 1 VP.

SCOTS: ...

Score: Purple 29, Blue 7, Red 4, Green 2.

BOARA

Romans: 2L,F @ Cheshire, Essex, York; 1L,F @ Hwicce, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Sussex, Wessex, F @ Downlands, Galloway, Peninnes, Lindsey, March, N Mercia, S Mercia. Welsh (2.5): 2A @ Clwyd, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd; 1A @ Devon, Powys.

Brigantes (1.5): (1.5): 2A @ Dalriada, Dunedin, Lothian; 1A @ Strathclyde.

Picts (2): 3A @ Skye; 2A @ Alban, Mar; 1A @ Moray. Caledonians (0): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys; 1A @ Caithness.



"Tell me about your eating disorder."

Eales/Private Eye/London



TUERTO RICO

Turns 6-8

John Butitta

Andy York

Brad Martin

Bill Salvatore

Ron Fisher

Turn 6

Salvatore chooses Builder and builds a Factory (6d, 1 cr). Fisher builds L Indigo (1d, 2cr). Butitta builds L Sugar (3d, 1 cr). York builds not. Martin builds a Large Market (4d, 1cr).

Fisher chooses Settler and takes Quarryix). Butitta take Sugar(x). York takes Sugar. Martin takes Coffee. Salvatore takes Tobacco. Craftsman, Mayor and Trader gain 1d. Coffee & Tobacco are discarded and six new plantations drawn.

Turn 7

Governor York chooses Craftsman (+1d) and produces 4+1 indigo and 1 sugar. Martin produces 2 indigo and 1 sugar. Salvatore produces 1 tobacco, 1 sugar, and 1 indigo. Fisher

produces 1 corn. Butitta produces I indigo and 2 corn.

Martin chooses Captain and ships 3 indigo on 6-ship (3+1 VP). Salvatore ships 2 indigo (2 VP) Fisher ships corn (1 VP). Butitta ships 1 indigo (1 VP). 6-Ship full. York ships 1 sugar (1 VP). Martin ships 1 sugar (1 VP). Salvatore ships 1 sugar (+1 VP). Butitta ships 1 corn (1 VP); 7-ship is full. York watches 4 indigo rot. Returned to stock are 10 indigo and 7 corn.

Salvatore chooses Mayor (+1d); staffs the Factory, the corn, and a second tobacco plantation. Fisher staffs L Sugar. .Butitta staffs L sugar with 2 colonists. York staffs sugar. Martin staffs L

Market, Colony ship loads 9 new colonists.

Fisher chooses Trader (+1d) and can trade nothing. Butitta passes. York sells 1 indigo (1d).

Salvatore sells 1 tobacco (3+1d).

Butitta chooses Settler and takes Quarry(x). York takes Sugar. Martin takes Corn and draws Corn. Salvatore takes Corn. Fisher takes Coffee(x). Sugar and Coffee are discarded and six new plantations drawn. Builder and both Prospectors gain 1d.

Turn 8

Governor Martin chooses Builder (+1d) and build S Sugar (2 cr). Salvatore builds S Warehouse (3d). Fisher builds not. Butitta builds S Warehouse (2d, 1 cr). York builds ... Salvatore chooses ...

Martin: Gov. Builder. S Indigo (x), L Sugar(x), L Indigo(x), Hacienda(x), L Market(x), S Sugar(). 2xindigo(x), Quarry(x), Sugar(x), 2xSugar(_), Coffee(_), 2xCorn(_). 1d, 9 VP.

Salvatore: S Market(x), Tobacco St(x), S Sugar(x), S Indigo(x), Factory(x), S Warehouse(). Corn(x), 2xTobacco(x), Sugar(x), Indigo(x), Tobacco(_), Corn(_). 4d, 5 VP.

Fisher: S Market(x), Hospice(x), Office(x), L Indigo(x). Corn(x), 2xCoffee(x), 3xQuarry(x), Indigo(x).

Butitta: S Indigo (x), Hospice(x), L Sugar(x_x), S Warehouse(_). Indigo(x), 2xCorn(x), 2xSugar(x), 2xQuarry(x). 3d, 6 VP, 1 corn.

York: S Indigo (x), L Indigo(xxx), S Sugar(x). 4xIndigo(x), 2xSugar(x). 3d, 11 VP.

AVAILABLE BUILDINGS: All but S Market, Hospice, S Indigo, L Indigo, S Warehouse. AVAILABLE PLANTATIONS: Quarry(x2), Coffee, Corn, Indigo, Sugar, Tobacco(x2) AVAILABLE ROLES: Captain, Craftsman, Mayor, 2xProspector(1d), Settler, Trader COLONY SHIP: 9

SHIPS: 6-ship, 7-ship, 8-ship (6 sugar) STOCK: 99 VP, 39 colonists, 9 coffee, 10 corn, 10 indigo, 5 sugar, 8 tobacco

TRADING HOUSE: indigo, tobacco

COQUITO

I can of coconut milk l egg yolk 1/4 tsp cinnamon

2 marachino cherries (optional)

1 can sweetened conensed milk 1 to 1.5 cups rum

1/2 tsp vanilla

Put all ingredients in a blender. Blend for 30 sec (puree w/ cherries). Serve straight or over ice.



BLACKBEARD Turns 142-145



THE CAST:

1. (Barrett) Tew: Sloop 3. (Bargender) Vane**, Sloop 2. (Zodda) Davis, Sloop

4. (Martin) Rackham, Schooner.

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	Hl	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	P24		6	14	5	2	674				NP
4	Rackham	Senr	C231	+3	5	4	2	7	ō.	200			В
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8	_	_	•	•				_
2	Maynard	KC	Box 1	4	14								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	Box1	2	16								
2	Rogers	KC	Box 1	2	16								
1	Tew	Sloop	P24	+3	4	2	2	7	0	10			S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22	+3	5	ō	ō	4	ŏ	45	300	2(14,15)	

The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41 Merchants: 32, 32, 46, 46, 13

Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13

Warships: B9-4 @ J24 Destroyed Port: 14, 32

Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portugese (#1), Taylor (#3)

Letters of Marque: PFB

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
142	4	Vane elects to escape (+5N)	35
143	3	Vane anchors in Port Royale.	65
		Move B9-4 warship J24-N26	34
144	2	HD attacks S7 $6+3+3-7=5 < DR^{12}=8 = merchant escapes to cup$	25
145	2	HD attacks P5 6+3+3-5 = 7 > DR ¹² = 6 = captured +3N, 165d, Hostage = 2+5+0 = no, declare D&R Draw merchant @ 45	56, 42 *A, 45
146	1	DIAM INCICIONIL @ 45	23

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#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	P24d&r		6					165			NP
4	Rackham	Senr	C231	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200			В
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8				-				_
2	Maynard	KC	Box 1	4	14								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	Box1	2	16								
2	Rogers	KC	Box 1	2	16								
1	Tew	Sloop	P24	+3	4	2	2	7	0	10			S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	5	5	ō	4	ŏ		300	2(14, 15))

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LEGEND: • = minor wound, •• = crippling wound, a = anchored,



RAIL BARON Still Working on It



Here's where we stand. Mr York doesn't have ready access to the internet, so using ACTS doesn't work well for him. The dice service we used in our previous non-Boris RAIL BARON game isn't working anymore, so we are either one player shy of starting or in need of a dice rolling service that is accessible by e-mail and will e-mail the results to all the players s o I or Ms Nar can play. I checked the web for some services, but the three I found didn't work.

The reference to the Home Swapping option got chopped off the hard copy last time, so here it is

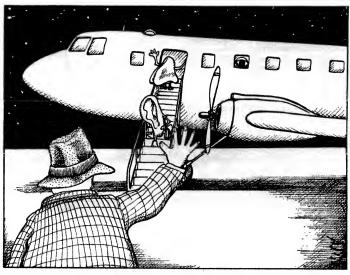
1. http://insystem.com/rbp/rbstart.htm



1830-READING One More Speaks



Zieske: Congrats to Chuck (again!). I found this a very enjoyable variant. The cheap Diesels made getting some mandatory. Seemed like I had good trains, but my runs weren't so hot.



As Touch, Taste, Sight, Smell and Hearing boarded the charter flight for Havana, Professor Fitzherbert knew in his heart that he had lost more than just good friends. In fact, he had finally lost his senses.



"Bret Maverick"



The Cast:

Chris Bailey: \$420. Chuck Hanna: \$420 Paul Zieske: \$420 Paul Bolduc: \$420 Mark Frueh: \$420

SR₁

Bailey bids \$45 on MRBC (\$375 free) Hanna bids \$165 on MKT (\$255 free) Zieske bids \$170 on MKT (8250 free) Bolduc bids \$145 on SLSF (\$275 free) Frueh bids \$85 for the Gulf Shipping Company (\$335 Frueh) Batley bids \$90 for GSC (\$285 free) Hanna bids \$55 for SCC (\$200 free) Zieske bids \$150 on SLSF (\$100 free) Bolduc bids \$60 on SCC (\$140 free) Frueh bids \$180 on MKT (\$155 Frueh) Bailey buys GRSC for \$20 and MRBC for \$45 (\$265 free) Hanna buys SCC for \$65 (\$190 free). Bailey buys GSC for \$110 on GSC (\$245 free). Bolduc buys SLSF for \$200 (\$220 free). Sets par at \$100 Zieske buys MKT for \$230. (gains 1-share of KATY) Hanna buys presidency of Katy, setting par at \$68 (\$355-136=\$219) Zieske buys 1 Katy (\$190-68=\$122) Bolduc buys 1 SLSF (\$220-100=\$120). Frueh buys presidency of SP, setting par at \$68 (\$420-136=\$284) Bailey buys 1 SP (\$245-68=\$177) Hanna buys 1 Katy (\$219-68=\$151) Zieske buys 1 SP (\$122-68=\$54) Bolduc passes (\$120). Frueh buys 1 SP (\$284-68=\$216) Bailey buys 1 Katy (\$177-68=\$109). KATY floats! Hanna buys 1 Katy (\$151-68=\$83). Zieske & Bolduc pass. Frueh buys SP (\$216-68=\$148). SP floats! Bailey & Hanna buy 1 Katy (-\$68 each). Zieske & Bolduc pass. Frueh buys 1 SP (\$148-68=\$80) Bailey, Hanna, Zieske & Bolduc pass. Frueh buys 1 SP (\$80-68=\$12) Bailey, Hanna, & Zieske pass. Bolduc buys 1 KATY (-\$68). KATY sold out! All pass. Frueh has the Priority. KATY rises to E72.

OR 1

Privates pay CH +\$10, PZ +\$20, and CB \$30.

\$L&SF: Lay initial token in E12. Play #6(nw) in E12 (-860) and #9(se) in D11. No train, no run, no divs. Price slides to A90. Buy 2-train (-880).

KATY: Lay initial token in B11. Play #5 in B11(w) (-840) and #6 in B9(sw). No train, no run, no divs. Price slides to E68. Buy two 2-trains (-\$160).

SP: Lay initial token in N1. Play #57 in M2(ne) & #8 in L3(sw). No train, no run, no divs. Price slides to F64. Buy two 2-trains (\$160).

SR 2

Frueh passes. Bailey buys 1 SP (71-68=3) Hanna passes. Zieske buys 1 SP (74-68=6) SP sold out All pass. Bolduc has the Priority. Katy and SP stock price rises to D72 and E68 respectively.

OR 2

Privates pay CH +\$10, PZ +\$20, and CB \$30.

SL&SF: Lay #8(w) in C10 & #7(e) in C8. Run E12-B10 (\$40). Pay dividends (SL&SF \$28, PRB \$12). Price returns to A100. Buy no train.

KATY: Run B11-B10. Pay (CH+20, PZ+8, PB+4, CB+8). Price to F76.

SP: Lay #8(w) in L5 & #57(se) in M6, place token in M6 for \$40, run trains: M6-M2 (\$40) & N1-M2 (\$40), pay divs! +\$48 MF, +\$16 CB & PZ. Price moves to E72. No train buy.

SR₃

Bolduc passes. Frueh has the SP redeem share from his holding for \$72. Bailey passes.

Hanna sells 5 KATY, buys ATSF presidency, par @ \$72 (+\$380-144). Katy to I55y, PZ now Prez. Zieske sells SP and buys Katy share (850+72-55 = \$67)

Frueh price protects SP for \$72 (\$132-72 = \$60)

Bailey buys pool share of KATY (\$57-55 = \$2)

Hanna buys ATSF share (\$291-72 = \$219)

Zieske

PLAYER STATUS:

Chris Bailey: \$2, grsc, mrbc, gsc, 3 KATY, 2 SP Chuck Hanna: \$219, scc, 2*AT&SF Paul Zieske: \$67, mkt, 3 KATY, 1 SP Paul Bolduc: \$68, 3*SLSF, 1 KATY

Mark Frueh: \$60, 6*SP

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	Ю	Po	ol Rdm	Cash	Dest	Trains	Tokens
SLSF	PB	A100	100	7	0	0	888	no	2	E12, 2, D
SP	MF	E72a	68	0	0	1	640	no	22	N1. M6. 1. D
AT&SF	CH	E72b	72	4	0	0	(680)	no		(B9), 2, D
KATY	PZ	155y	68	0	4	0	680	no	22	B11, 2, D

The Bank has \$9,808.

Available Trains: 22333333444445555666888,10,10,12....

Available Tiles:

Yellow: 1(1), 2(1), 3(3), 4(6), 5(1), 6(0), 7(8), 8(19), 9(22), 55(1), 56(1), 57(3), 58(4), 69(1)

Map on p 19.



"Looks like they're kicking Hadley upstairs."

Downes/The Oldie/London



MERCHANT OF VENUS

"Graw" They're Off!



The Cast:

Paul Barrett: Eeepeeep, \$80 Debbie Anderson: Wynom, \$80

Ron Fisher: Why the Gossuth in the Thunderbolt Greaseslapper, 880 Bob Dowrey: Nik, 880

Turns 1.1-2.1

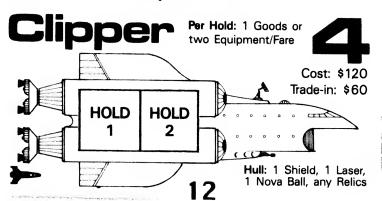
1.1 Ecepecep: Roll 3,3,4. GB-R-B-Y-B-R-B-o-Comfort Station(s). Discover Shenna, get IOU.
1.2 Wynow: Roll 2,4,6. Use "6" as pilot. GB-NC-?(TG4)-Space Station-R-Y-R-NC-R2O(-820)-MGS. Discover Volois, get IOU. Trade IOU & 820 for 1 Silk.
1.3 Qossuth: Roll 1,1,4. Use "4" as pilot. GB-NC-TG4-Space Station. Discover Yxklyx, get IOU. Trades Scout and IOU for Clipper.
1.4 Nik: Roll 2,3,5. GB-Y-R-B-R-B-interstellar Biosphere. Discover Wollow, get IOU. ...
2.1 Ecepecep: Trade IOU + \$10 for 2 Pelts.
2.2 Wynom: Roll 2,3,6. Use as Pilot. MGS-...

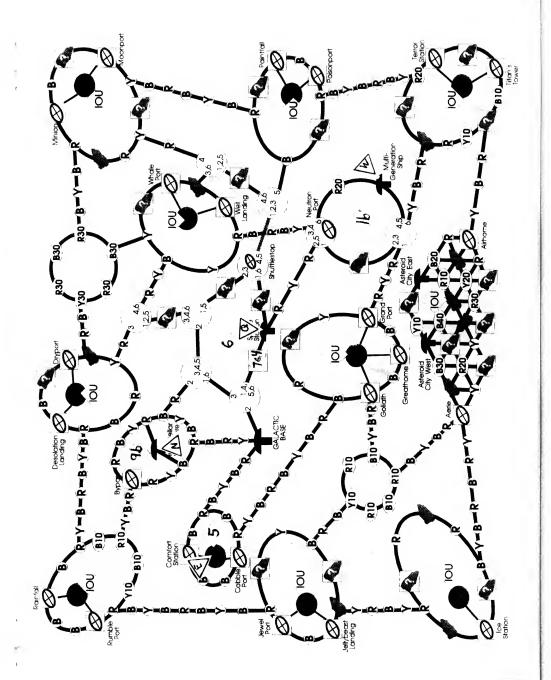
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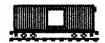
PLAYER STATUS

Player Race Ship Cash	Ecepcep Scout 870	Wynom Scout	Gossuth Clipper	Dowrey Nik Scout
Casn IOUs		\$40	\$80	\$80
Hold	2 Pelts	1 Sak		#9b

CULTURE	STATUS		
Culture	System	Goods	Factory
Ia	???	Perfume(x5)	Available
1b Volois	MultiGeneration Ship		Available
2	???	Spice(x6)	Available
3 Niks	???	Wine(6)	Available
4a Dell	???	Dust(x6)	Available
4b Humans	???	Videos(5)	Available
5 Shenna	Colony World	Pelts(x4)	Available
6 Yxklyx	Space Station	Grease(x6)	Available
7a Zum	???	Liquor(6)	Available
7b Eeepeeps		Servomechs(x4)	Available
8 Wynoms	???	Furniture(x5)	Available
9a Cholos	???	Genes(x6)	Available
9b Wollow	Interstellar Biosphere	Paperwts(x5)	Available
10 Qossuth	???	Sculpture(x4)	Available







SILVERTON Wayne Shut Out



The CAST:

#1: Denver, Cary Nichols , \$10,000, S+2,S,P,P #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$10,000, S+1,S,P+1,P #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$10,000, S+1,S,P+1,P

#4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$10000, S.S.P+2,P

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

10 Heber City (Ag) \$400/\$200 18 Leadville (Ag) \$500/\$200 43 Coalville (C) \$300/\$150 65 Walsenburg (C)\$300/\$150 A1-A6, A19-A20

14 Aspen (Ag) \$500/\$200 42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150 51 Rangely (C) \$400/\$100 104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250

VOTES:

24-turns: 2 yea, 0 nay, 2 abstain. Advanced game: 1 yea, 1 nay, 2 abstain

Turn 1

#1. Prospect #14*, #18*; survey Denver-C Springs (\$800) and Denver-S Platte (\$600).
#2. Prospect #14*, #18*; survey Denver-Rollinsville (-\$600), Denver-C Springs (\$800).
#3. Doesn't prospect. Survey El Paso-Deming (\$1200) and El Paso-Rincon (\$800).

#4. Prospect #43 (\$300) & #10 (\$400). Survey SLC-Coalville (\$600) & SLC-Heber City (\$700).

*CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

#14: #1:#2 (11:6), #1 wins Aspen (Ag) -\$500. #18: #1:#2 (7:4+1), #1 wins Leadville (Ag) -8500.

PLAYER STATUS:

#1: Denver, Cary Nichols , \$7,600, S+2,S,P.P. #14, #18 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$8,600, S+1,S.P+1,P

#3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$8,000, S+1,S,P+1,P #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$8,000, S,S,P+2,P, #10, #43

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

35 Dolores (L) \$300/\$200

51 Rangely (C) \$400/\$100 57 Crested Butte (C) \$400/\$200 83 Santa Rita (Cu) \$500/\$250

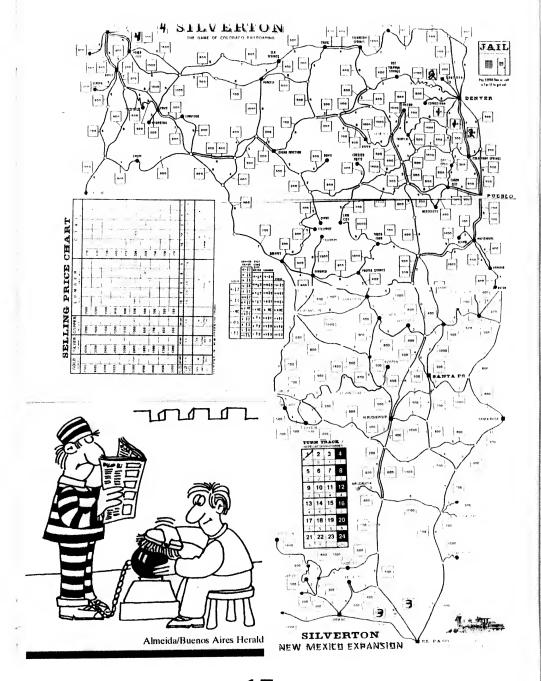
42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150 53 Craig (C) \$200/\$100 65 Walsenburg (C)\$300/\$150 104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250

A1-A6, A19-A20

Claims in bold are unworked.

Due next times are your orders for Turn 1 operations and deliveries and Turn 2 prospecting and surveying.







HISTORY OF THE WORLD

KOKHA



THE CAST:

Dave Anderson: Orange Cary Nichols: Azure Kevin Wilson: Green Rudy Zodda: Purple Laird Khaoz: Ebony Wayne Morrison: Red

Optionals: Preservation of Culture, Fortresses, Persistance of Culture, and US Navy are in play.

THE BOATH:

AI: Dni, NEP, Tur, WSt(2); AII: Mon, Wei(C), Yan.

EII: Bal, Cau, UTI(OM), WAn.

GII: ; GVI: Sha.

OI: Lib; OII: Lev, LTI(c,f), MTI(c), Nub, Pal(2);

PI: Che, GPC, Sze, Tar(2), Yel(PM); PII: Cre(c), Mor(C, Religion), Nil(GM), Pin.

RI: EGh, Hin(2), WDe; RII: EAn(EM), GaD, GaV, Lev, Lin(RM), Mal, PPI(C,RM), PSD, UIn(c,RM),

zag.

Fleets: Bla(R), EMS(P)

SCOPE (VP/SP): G(24/11), E(18/11), A(9/11), O(39/12), P(24/13), R(29/19).

EPO<H III.

MA(EDOMA (A): Play "Shipbuilding", 1A,C,AM @ Pin (1PII r-Mor), 1A, "Treachery" @ Mor (-2PII,C +c, Religion transferred to Pin), 1A @ Cre (3,1:3,1;6,3:3,1 -1PII,c), 2F @ EMS (3,2:5;5,3:5;6,5:2 -1AF, 1PF), 1A @ Dal, Bal(4,2:2,1 -1EII), Dan, NAp, CEu, LRh, BSb, NGa, Sca, Alb. Score: 9 + Religion(1) + C(2x2) + c(1) + M(1x2) + S(1) + C(1x2) + S(1x2) + S(1x2

Displeased by an unflattering monument made to their honor, the godz of Pindus flow molten death upon those who offended them, and destroy said monument.

Across the world, in a far away land that one day will come to be called India, the Mauryan people devise new and insidious methods of killing, building Weaponry that slaughters so efficiently historians recall accounts claiming it magical in nature.

Thus the Mauryan people begin their conquest of India and some small territories surrounding

MANAYA (£): Play Disaster @ Mt @ Pin (-AM,C +c). Play Weaponry. Play 1A,C,EM @ GaD (1RII r-GaV), 1A @ EDe, EGh (5+1,3:5 -1RI), 1A GaV (4+1,1:2; 5+1,1:1 -2RII), UIn (3+1,3:4; 5+1,3:6; 6+1,4:4 -1RII,c), LIn (6+1,6:4 -1RII), PSD (4+1,1:3,1 -1RII); 2A @ PPI (2+1,1:6,5+1,1:1 -1EIII, 1RII,C +c); 1A @ Zag (4+1,1:1 -1RII)...Score: 18 + C(1x2) + c(1) + M(1x2 + 4) + Mid E (D=6) + India (D=6) = 39.

HAN DYNASTY (4): Upper Nile (+10II,c,f.) and Empire Fortifles 3 (MT1+f, UNi & LT1+F). Play 1A,C,OM @ GPC(1P1 r-Yel), 2A @ Che(5,2:6, 6,1:1-10III,1P1), 1F @ SCS, 1A @ Ein, Yel (5,3:5; 3,2:3; 6,4:6; 5,4:2; 6,2:5-2P1), Wet (6,5:3-1AII,C+c, Pilosophy moves to GPC); 2A @ Yan (4,2:5; 6,5:3-10III,1AII); 1A @ Tar (6,2:2; 5,4:2-2P1), 2A @ Sze (6,3:6; 3,2:5; 4,2:6-2OIII). Score: 39 + Philosophy(1) + C(1x2) + c(4) + M(1x2+1) + S(1) + Mid E(P=3) + NAf(D=4) + China(D=6) + SE Asia(P=1) = 62.

Overheard in the Forbidden Palace: How can you tell the Hsuing Nu are not very athletic? Because it is hard for them to pole vault over the wall.

#\$\text{\$\text{WN}\cdot \text{*M} \langle P\text{!} Play 1A @ Mon (-1AII); 1A, "Treachery" @ Wet (-1OIII,c); 1A @ Yel (6,1:5 -1OIII), GPC (5,1:3 -1OIII,C,Philosophy, +c), Tar (6,5:3 -1OIII, +PM); 2A @ Che (1,1:4; 4,1:2 -1PIII, 1OIII). Score: 24 + c(1) + M(2x2 + 2) + N Afr(P=2) + China(D=6) = 39

GM-Orange: Looks like the bastages had to merely bribe a guard or two.

 KOMANS (4): Play "Jewish Revolt" in Pal (5.5,1:5; 6,5,1:4; 5,2,1:3 -20II, +1GI,c.f). Play "Leader".

 Play 1A,C,GM @ SAp, 1F @ WMS, 1A @ SIb, Pyr, CMa; 2A @ NGa (5,4,1:6; 6,4:1 -1GIII, 1AIII); 1F @ Nth; 1A @ Alb (4,3,2:3 -1AIII); 4F @ EMS (5,5,3:6; 5,3,1:6; 6,5,4:4; 5,1,1:5; 4,4,2:6; 3,1,1:2 -3GF,

-2 AF); 7A @ Pin (4,2,1:4,1; 6,4,2:6,4: 4,3,3:6,1; 4,1,1:5,4; 5,4,2:6,2; 4,2,2:5,3; 3,2,1:3,2; 2,2,2:6,1; 3,2:5,1; 5,3:4,1 -6GIII,1AIII,c, Religion moves to SAp); 2A @ Nil (2,2:3,2; 6,3:2,1 -1GIII,1PII), 3A @ Nib (3,2:6; 4,1:5; 5,1:6 -3GIII). Score: 24 + Religion(1) + C(1x2) + c(1) + M(2x2 + 1) + S(3) + Mid E(P=3) + NAf (P=2) + SEu (P=3) + NEu (P=2) = 46.

Mayans (KI): Play 1A,C @ Cam, 1A @ Gui.

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S(G/4 (YP/SP): P(39/20), E(39/21), O(62/24), A(31/26), R(52/28), G(46/36)

THE BOATH:

AI: Dni, NEP, Tur, WSt(2); AIII: Bai, BSb, CEu, Cre, Dal, Dan, LRh, Mor(c), Sca.

EII: Cau, UTi(OM), WAn; EIII: EDe, EGh, GaD(C,EM), PPI(RM,c).

GI: Pal(c,f); GIII: Alb, CMa, NGa, Nil(GM), Pin(AM), Pyr(2), SAp(C,GM,Religion); GVI: Sha.

OI: Lib; OII: Lev, LTi(c,f), MTi(c), Nub, UNi(c,F); OIII: Ein, Yan.

PI: Sze; PIII: Che, GPC(c,OM), Mon, Tar(PM), Wei, Yel(PM).

RI: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2), Sib(c,f), WDe; RII: EAn(EM), Lev, Mal; RIII: GaV, Lln(RM), PSD, Uln(RM), Zag(C,RM).

Fleets: Bla(R), EMS(G), Nth(G), SCS(O), WMS(G).

EPOCH N

Purple passes to Ebony. Ebony passes to Green. Orange holds. Azure holds. Red holds. Green must pass to Purple.

MY/0-SAXONS (EH): 1A @ BSb (1AIII r-LRh), 1F @ Nth (2,2:6; 6,4:4 -1EF, 1GF).

WPTAS (F): Play Kingdom @ Mai (-1RII, +1EI,c,f). Play 1A,C'@ EDe (1EIII r-GaD), 1A @ EGh (-1EIII), 1F @ BoB, 1A @ GaV (6,3:3 -1RIII), 1A @ Uln (6,3:3 -1RIII), 1A @ LIn 5,1:1 -1RIII), 1A @ PSD(6,4:6,6; 3,2:4,3,6,5:4,2 -1EIV -1RIII). Score: 39 + C(2x2) + c(2) + M(2x2 + 4) + S(2) + Mid E(D=6) + India(D=6) + N Eur(P=2) + SE Asia(P=2) = 3.

WIHS G Play 1A @ Dan (1AIII r-Dal), ...

S(OF < (YP/SP): E(69/29), G(46+/46); P(39/20), O(62/24), A(31/26), R(52/28)

THE BOATH:

AI: Dni, NEP, Tur, WSt(2); AIII: Bal, CEu, Cre, Dal(2), LRh(2), Mor(c), Sca.

EI: Mal(c,f); EII: BSb, Cau, UTi(OM), WAn; EIII: GaD(2,C,EM), PPI(RM,c); EIV: EDe(C), EGh, GaV, Lln(RM), PSD, Uln(RM).

GI: Pal(c,f); GIII: Alb, CMa, NGa, Nil(GM), Pin(AM), Pyr(2), SAp(C,GM,Religion); GIV: Dan, ...; GVI:

OI: Lib; OII: Lev, LTI(c,f), MTI(c), Nub, UNI(c,F); OIII: EIn, Yan. PI: Sze; PIII: Che, GPC(c,OM), Mon, Tar(PM), Wei, Yel(PM).

RI: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2), SIb(c,f), WDe; RII: EAn(EM), Lev; RIII: Zag(C,RM).

Fleets: Bla(R), BoB(E), EMS(G), Nth(E), SCS(O), WMS(G).

Epochs I-IV
play during turn
RELIGION(1)
Play faceup beside board.
Place army of the current
Empire on
the space
provided.
One Victory
Point is
scored by the
controlling faction at the end
of every turn. May be captured, destroyed, transferred.

ON DECK

1835: Hanna, Zieske

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland

ATTIKA: Barrett

BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zieske, Fryling (need 1 to 7 more) COLONIAL DIP: Burgdorf, Copeland, Nichols, Dave A (need 3 more) DIPLOMACY: K Wilson, Copeland, Nichols, Fryling (need 3 more)

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 or 5 more

LIFT-OFF!: York, Dave Anderson

MACHIAVELLI: Nichols, Dave A, Scott, Barrett (need 0-4 more)

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A (need 4-8 more)

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott, Martin

SAMURAI (AH): Copeland

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